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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of
Hiromoto OHNO, et al.

Appln. No. 10/030,682

Group Art Unit: 1754

Confirmation No.: 8394

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For: PROCESS FOR PRODUCING NITROGEN TRIFLUORIDE AND USE THEREOF

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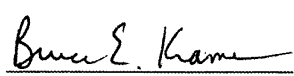
Sir:

A Preliminary Amendment is attached hereto for concurrent filing in the above-identified application. The resulting excess claim fee has been calculated as shown below:

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Respectfully submitted,


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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please enter the following amended claims:

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4. (Amended) The process as claimed in claim 1 or 2, wherein fluorine gas and/or ammonia gas is fed in portions.
 5. (Amended) The process as claimed in claim 1 or 2, wherein the concentration of fluorine gas fed is 3 mol % or less.
 6. (Amended) The process as claimed in claim 1 or 2, wherein the concentration of ammonia gas fed is 6 mol % or less.

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